

GUIDED MISSILE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Supplemental Information

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Chairman, GMIC, dated 13 July 1956;
Subject: "Status of National Security Programs on
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1. After approximately six months of operations and ~~engaging~~^{available} a National Intelligence Estimate on the Soviet guided missile program, the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC) is now in a position to survey the adequacy of ~~the~~^{available} guided missile intelligence information and to formulate a definite operational program based on this survey and the Terms of Reference of GMIC.

2. In the past few years, intelligence on the Soviet guided missile program has been based to a considerable degree on reports by German scientists and technicians who had worked in the USSR in an extension of the German program or on specific projects separate from native Soviet research. Although recent developments, particularly within the last year, have improved the quality of our intelligence information and expanded the extent of our general knowledge of the Soviet guided missile program, the available guided missile intelligence information is inadequate and fails to meet our minimum intelligence requirements. The increased availability

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of information on the US guided missile program has considerably enhanced our ability to analyze developments in the Soviet program and has permitted a discerning re-evaluation of previous intelligence estimates and of interpretations of intelligence information.

3. Based on the inadequacy of guided missile intelligence information, GMIC is focusing its attention on methods of improving the quality and quantity of intelligence information. Specifically, GMIC is continuing to review, ~~delete~~ and endorse unique guided missile technical collection techniques. GMIC is also taking action to develop comprehensive coverage of the guided missile intelligence problem to assure that complete, specific, detailed guidance directed at the critical gaps in our knowledge, will be provided the collectors. Specific plans are being implemented to provide coordinated community guidance to the

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4. GMIC is in the process of formulating a plan of operations for the next three year period. This plan will be based on the GMIC Terms of Reference and the adequacy of our intelligence information. The primary aim will be directed to improving the quality and quantity of guided missile intelligence information. This program will be submitted to the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) when completed.

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